



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: John Hoffmann
ERIC MIES ET AL.)	
	:	TC/Art Unit: 1731
Application No.: 10/717,856)	
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Filed: November 19, 2003)	
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)	
FORMING LOW OPTICAL LOSS	:	
SPLICES)	March 20, 2006

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 19, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

a **Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2; and

Remarks begin on page 6.

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